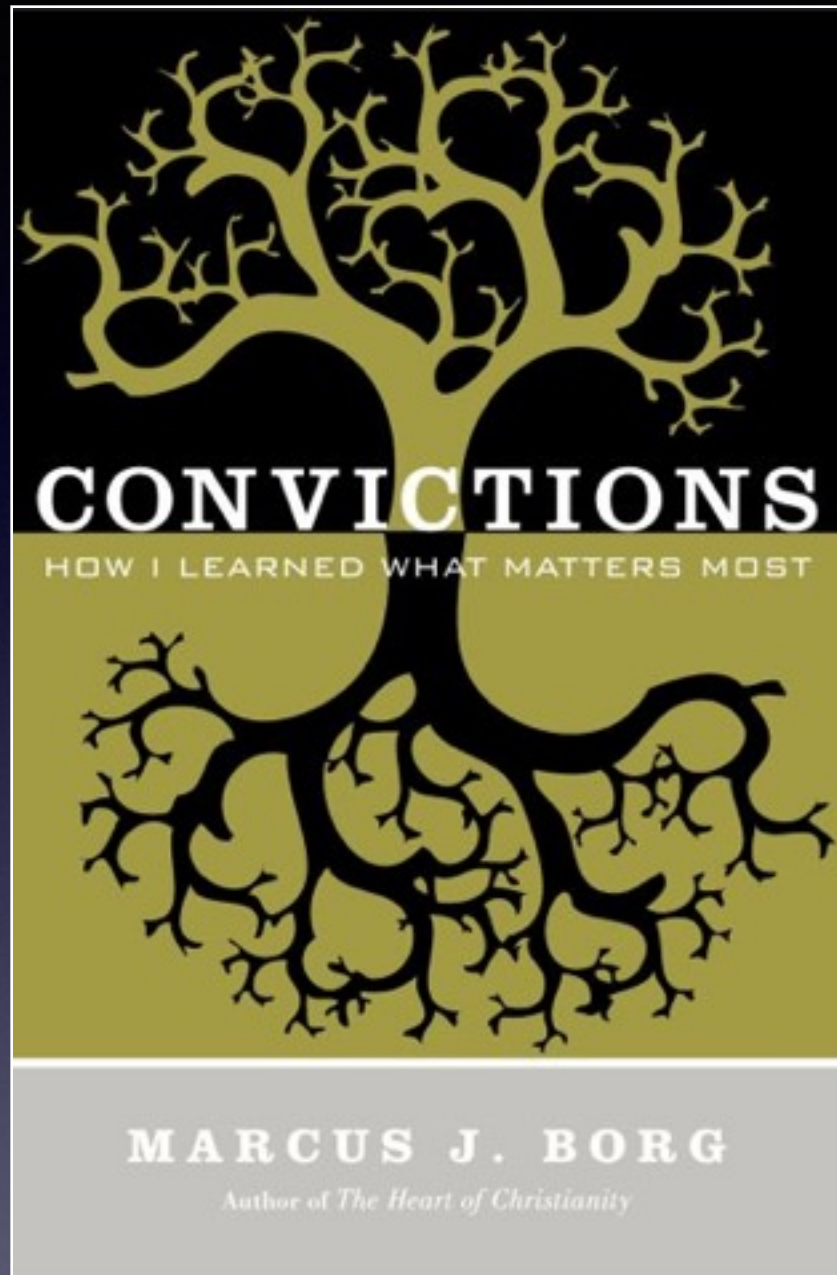


# Convictions - how I learned what matters most.



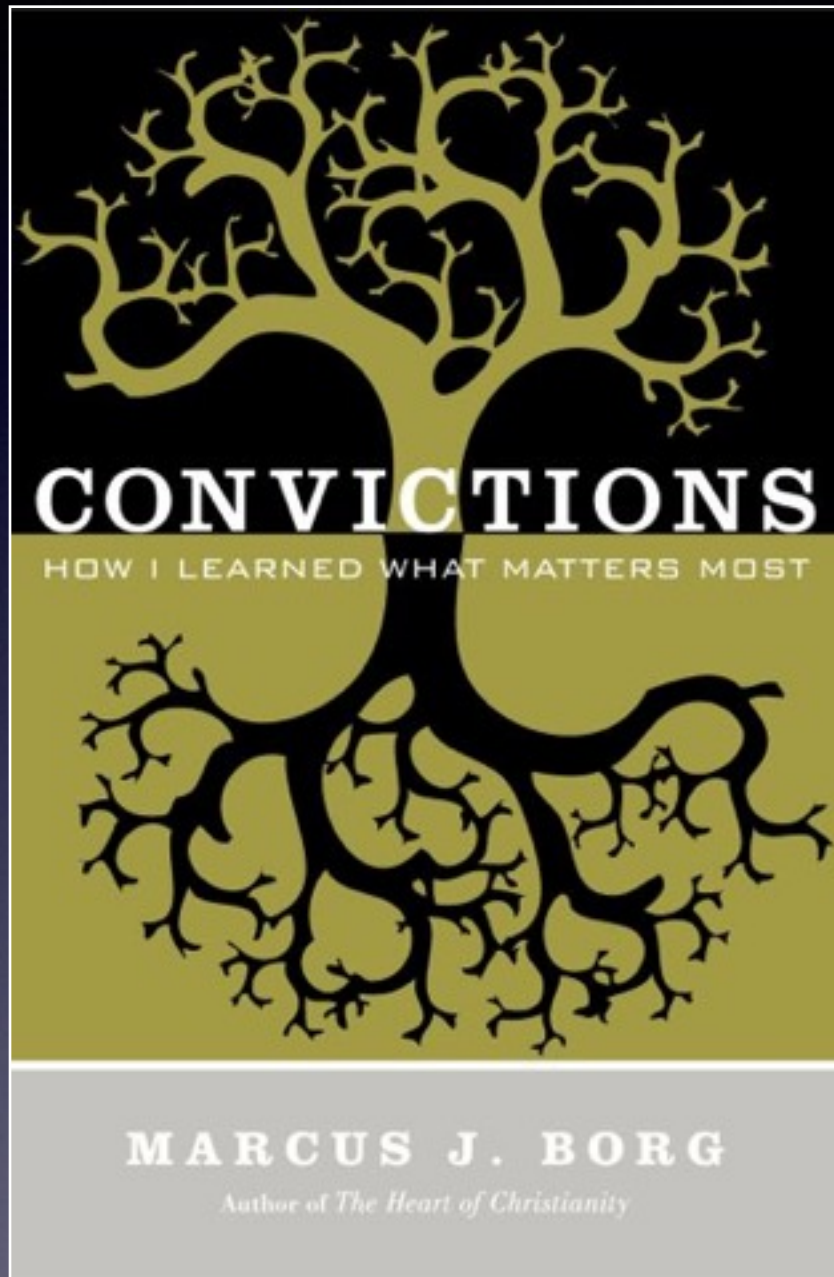
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# Housekeeping

- Jock's Condition
- ACTS Advent Book Sale  
*Update to Sunday December 3rd*
- Do you have a suggested book for our Winter Study?

# Convictions



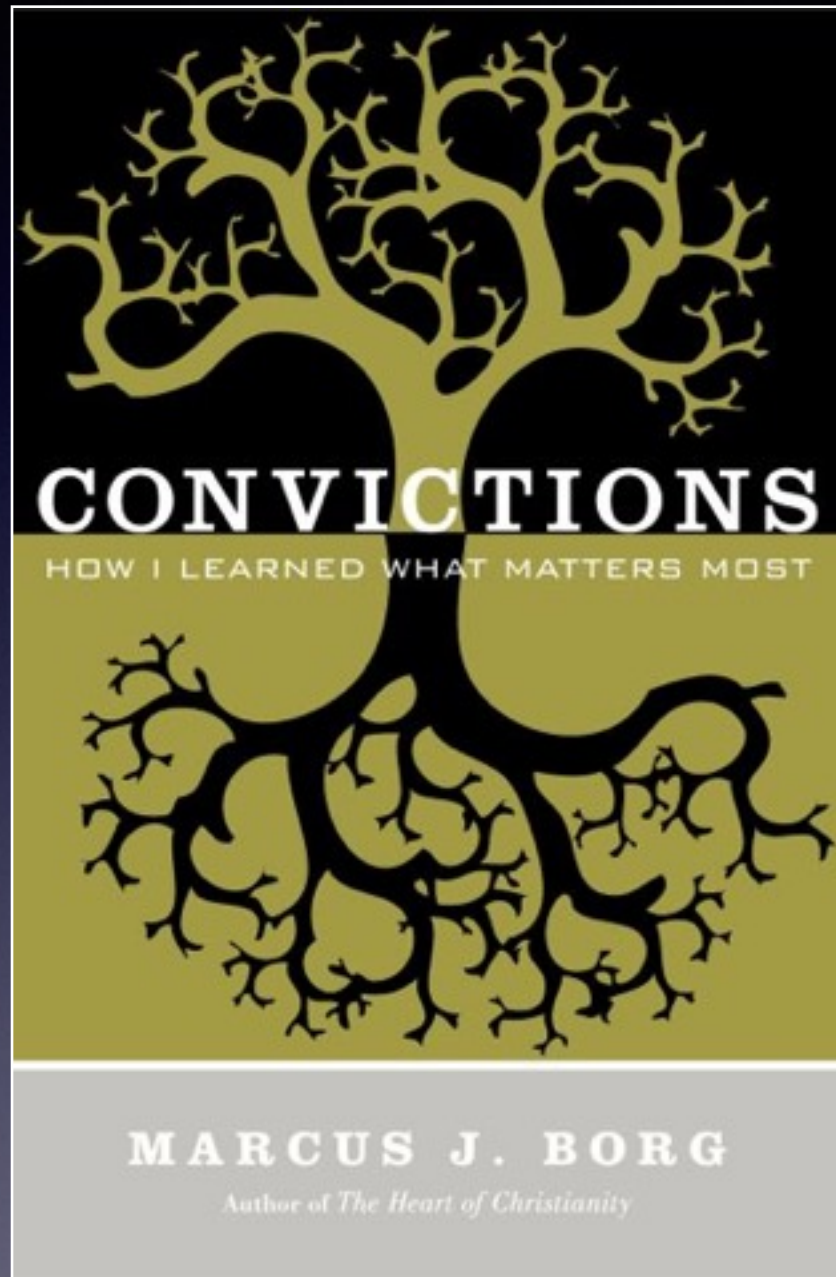
## Session # 10

- Opening - Sheryl Schoenthaler
- Reflections on Chapter
- Discussion
- Closing - Ken Kittridge



# Opening

SHERYL SCHOENTHALER



Holy Manners Bookstudy 39

Chapters 10 and 11

Christians are called to  
Peace and Nonviolence  
To Love God Is to Love  
Like God



# Luke 2: 8-20



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1fuLJ8rtXzM>

"Glory to God in the highest  
heaven and peace on earth  
for those he favours" (NJV)

What is the peace the  
angels sing about?

# Some Key Points of Borg's Presentation

I Samuel 12: 1-15 (read)

(background information and passage)

1. Borg's themes of peace and non-violence occurring in the Christian faith tradition.
2. Borg's becoming passionate about God's dream

Question:

What does this mean to you?



## Questions --

1. How do Borg's thoughts about peaceful non-resistance to the violence of domination systems affect you?
2. Where do you concur with Borg's thought?
2. Do you take exception to any of his views?

We move toward the  
conclusion of our study of  
"Convictions"

What have we learned?

What can we take from this  
study?

How would you conclude a  
book like this if you could?

# An over-riding theme of this book

Moving from a stance of  
Christian "believing" about Christ  
to a stance of "experiencing"  
Christ as part of the way we  
understand and live our lives.



Chapter 11 assumes the form of a testimony by Borg to moving "beyond belief" to "loving as God loves."

He does this through short reflections on:

- compassion
- freedom and courage
- gratitude

How effective do you find him in doing this?

How might we as  
Canadians benefit from  
engaging the thoughts  
of an American author  
who writes from an  
American (dominant  
world power) context?

# SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Discoveries I take from this study

2. Where do I need to progress in my faith journey from here?



Closing

Ken Kittridge